THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 10th March 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, with the Chairman (MRS. MONA HENSMAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Privilege to Members of the Legislature to grant life **certificates.***

* 90 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether the Government propose to empower Members of the Legislature to grant life certificates to pensioners, a privilege which is enjoyed by gazetted officers and title-holders?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" No."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know why the much-condemned title-holders of nowadays are given that privilege whereas members of the Legislature are denied that privilege? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" No reasons can be assigned; but it will be further considered."

Cost of gazetted and non-gazetted services.

* 91 *Q.*—SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons employed in the gazetted service in the year 1945–46 and in the current year;

(*b*) the amount spent on them as salary and allowances;

(*c*) the number of persons employed in the non-gazetted service in the year 1945–46 and in the current year;

(*d*) the amount spent on them as salary and allowances;

(*e*) the increase in pay and allowances of all classes of Government servants recommended by the Cabinet Sub-Committee and approved by the Cabinet; and

(*f*) the extra amount required to meet the expenditure recommended in the current year and in the succeeding years?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) The number of persons employed in gazetted services during the year 1945–46—

(i) Indian Civil Service	119
(ii) All-India Services (excluding the Indian Civil Services)	176
(iii) Provincial Services	2,407
Total ...	2,702

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" (b) The amount spent on gazetted services towards salaries for 1945–46 is—

	RS. LAKHS.
(i) Indian Civil Service	24·04
(ii) All-India Services (excluding I.C.S.) ...	25·35
(iii) Provincial Services	139·22
Total ...	188·61

" (c) The number of persons employed in non-gazetted services during the year ending 1945–46 is—

(i) Subordinate, Ministerial and Inferior Services (excluding village establishments)	1,55,347
(ii) Village Establishments	1,07,777
Total ...	2,63,124

" (d) The amount spent on non-gazetted services towards salaries for 1945–46 is—

	RS. LAKHS.
(i) Subordinate Ministerial and Inferior Services (excluding Village Establishments)	573·43
(ii) Village Establishments	135·27
Total ...	708·70

" Figures regarding the cost of allowances incurred during 1945–46 separately for the gazetted and the non-gazetted services, are not available. However the total amount spent during 1945–46 on all kinds of allowances including travelling allowance is Rs. 511·36 lakhs.

" As the current year is not yet over, it is not possible to furnish actuals till August 1947.

" (e) The recommendations of the Cabinet Salaries Committee included provision for—

(i) The revision of scales of pay of all Subordinate Services.

(ii) Grant of House Rent Allowance to all non-gazetted Government servants within certain pay limits employed in the Madras City and Municipal Towns with a population of over 50,000.

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" The Cabinet has decided to accept their recommendations. Orders will be issued shortly, and a copy of the orders of Government containing details of the revised scales of pay and house rent allowance will be placed on the table of the House as soon as they are issued.

" (*f*) The immediate and ultimate extra recurring cost on account of the above recommendations are as follows :—

	Extra cost.	
	Immediate (46-47). RS. LAKHS.	Ultimate. RS. LAKHS.
Salaries of Subordinate Service	[a] 20·0	162·9
House rent allowance.	2·5	12·3
Total ..	22·5	175·2 per year."

* K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know with reference to answers to (*a*) and (*c*), how many of them are Muslims, Brahmans, Non-Brahmans and Christians ? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" It is very difficult to answer without notice."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Madam, whether it was not the practice in the past to place on the table of the House a list of officers created carrying salaries above a certain amount ? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I do not know about the practice in the past; it would be done hereafter."

Scheme for yarn distribution.

* 92 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what the scheme for yarn distribution is to which the Hon. the Prime Minister referred in his speeches in the Legislature?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" The existing scheme of yarn distribution is detailed below :—

In April 1945, the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, introduced a scheme known as the All-India Yarn Distribution Scheme under which this Province was allowed to retain 21,305 bales of yarn. This allocation has been made on the following basis. According to the Fact Finding Committee, Madras, consumed in the year immediately preceding the outbreak of the war 26·05 per cent of the yarn available for handlooms in India and this proportion has been adopted in fixing the yarn quota for this Province. Efforts are being made to get the quota of this Province enhanced.

[a] This is exclusive of the extra cost involved in the grant of bonus sanctioned to the non-gazetted Government servants estimated at Rs. 50 lakhs (in lieu of retrospective effect to revised scales originally proposed by the Committee).